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Dear Tribal Leader,

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Strong, respectful relationships with communities are essential to successful transportation investments across Alaska. We are rebuilding how we work with Tribes because we believe strong partnerships lead to better outcomes—for infrastructure and for the people we serve. To support that, we're creating systems that help our employees go beyond regulatory requirements to build long-term relationships with communities.

The strongest projects are guided by the people who live alongside them. Whether it's a road, ferry terminal, airport, port, or trail, working directly with communities delivers projects faster, with fewer impacts, and in ways that serve a meaningful purpose for generations because they reflect local priorities from the very beginning.

The Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities is working with the Alaska Native Chamber to strengthen our consultation practices. This effort will help create a framework that centers Alaska Native voices in decisions about planning, construction, and maintenance of transportation infrastructure.

SHAPE THE PROCESS

Your input will shape staff training materials, consultation guidelines, and partnership protocols for future transportation projects. We would like your guidance to inform Alaska's transportation planning, development, and construction processes by sharing what consultation approaches have worked well—whether from our department or other organizations.

We invite you to share your insights on what effective consultation looks like.

Click [[Take the Survey Now](#)] or scan the QR code below to share your feedback.

You may also send comments to info@alaskanativechamber.com or call the Alaska Native Chamber at (907) 201-2626 to speak with a representative.

Thank you for your time, leadership, and continued partnership.

Alaska DOT&PF Tribal Team





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3. Print the Survey and send back to info@alaskanativechamber.com



SURVEY QUESTIONS

1. What are examples of meaningful infrastructure projects consultations, and why were they effective?
2. What factors make a consultation meaningful from your perspective?
3. What should DOT&PF consider when evaluating whether consultation has been adequate?
4. What collaborative efforts (other than formal consultation) have been helpful to your community?



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5. Are there other agencies or organizations you believe are excelling in consultation? Why?
6. How can DOT&PF support Tribes and ANCs in providing input earlier in the project timeline?
7. What strategies can ensure meaningful engagement without overwhelming limited tribal resources?
8. Are changes to existing state regulations, policies, or statutes needed to improve tribal input?
9. Does the current consultation framework provide sufficient opportunities for tribal input? If not, what needs to change?
10. Are there examples of consultation policies or models you recommend DOT&PF consider adopting?
11. Where do obstacles most often arise in the consultation process, and how could they be addressed?